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[SENATE BILL, No. 109.]

SENATE, November 22, 1864.—Read first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the calendar and printed.

[By Mr. HENRY, from Committee on Military Affairs.]

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AN ACT

To amend An Act entitled "An Act to increase the efficiency of the army by employing free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17th, 1864.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*  
2 *do enact*, That the first section of said act be so amended as  
3 to increase the compensation given to the free negroes and  
4 other free persons of color named in said section to eighteen  
5 dollars per month.

1 SEC. 2. That the second section of said act be so amended  
2 as to authorize the Secretary of War to employ, for all the  
3 purposes named in the first section of said act, forty thousand  
4 slaves, instead of twenty thousand, as therein provided.

1 SEC. 3. That the third section of said act be so amended  
2 as to authorize the Secretary of War to impress forty thou-  
3 sand slaves in case he shall be unable to procure their ser-  
4 vices or hire as therein provided.

1 SEC. 4. That the fourth section of said act be amended by

2 adding thereto, that after free negroes are impressed, in  
3 making impressions of slaves, those not engaged in agri-  
4 culture, manufacturing, and mechanical pursuits, shall be first  
5 impressed, and in case there shall then be any deficiency,  
6 further impressions of slaves shall be made by taking them  
7 from those persons who have fifteen or more able-bodied field  
8 hands between sixteen and fifty years of age.